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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products July 2007**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary July steel imports were **\$2.8 billion (2.9 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary June totals of \$2.6 billion (2.6 million metric tons).

The June to July change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; line pipe greater than 16 inches in diameter; and reinforcing bars. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected increases primarily with Ukraine and Taiwan.

The year to date final statistics through June 2007 showed steel imports of 16.2 million metric tons compared to 20.5 million metric tons through June 2006. The largest commodity decreases were in blooms, billets, and slabs and hot rolled sheets. The largest commodity increase was in line pipe greater than 16 inches in diameter. The largest country decreases were with Turkey and Russia. The largest country increases were with China and Canada.

### **Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at: [www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/). On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

*The next release is September 25, 2007.*